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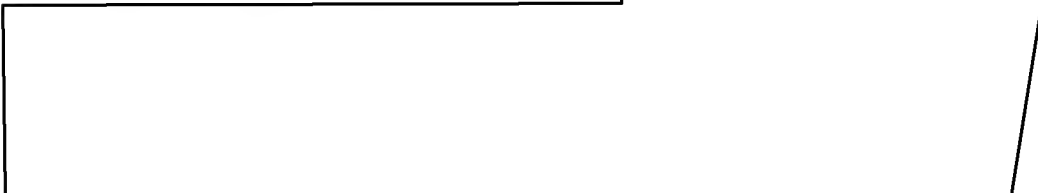
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USSR-Berlin: Moscow yesterday delivered a mildly favorable but carefully imprecise response to last month's Allied proposal on Berlin.

The Allied note dealt with the question of access to Berlin as a subject for Four Power talks and suggested that the Four Powers encourage bilateral talks between Bonn and Pankow. In identical notes to the US, UK, and France the Soviets said they would be ready for an exchange of opinions on "averting complications now and in the future around West Berlin."

This positive tone was tempered, however, with the qualification that the "sovereign rights and legitimate interests" of East Germany must be taken into account. The reply carefully noted that all access to West Berlin utilizes East German lines of communication. This appears to be a hint that Pankow must be involved in talks on the access question. The note also did not address itself directly to the suggestion that the Four Powers promote East - West German talks.



European Communities: The Pompidou-Kiesinger talks on 8-9 September made clear once again that the opening of negotiations with the British on Community membership will not come soon.

At the meeting, the French continued to emphasize the necessity of completing and strengthening the present Community before opening negotiations. The Germans, although willing to try to settle the issue of financing the common agricultural policy (CAP) before the end of the year, have said that agreement may require fundamental revision of the CAP and should take into account the possibility of new Community members.

While the Germans were disappointed with the substantive results, both sides expressed satisfaction with the atmosphere of the meeting. They affirmed that a summit of the Six, which presumably would discuss Community enlargement and other matters, should be held in November. The Germans reportedly plan at that time to press the French to accept a specific date for opening negotiations with membership applicants. The French insisted that the Six must settle among themselves their negotiating position before opening talks with applicants for Community membership.

The session of the Communities' Council of Ministers scheduled for 15 September will attempt to decide the nature of the summit. While the French and the Germans seem to agree that the summit should be an open-ended affair, the Dutch wish to impose a number of conditions. At least one of these, however, the participation of the EC Commission, may be fulfilled without great difficulty. The Commission plans to make clear at the ministers' meeting that it wishes to participate in the summit, and Commission sources expect the Six to agree.

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